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ANNUAL REPORT
for the Town of
DANBURY
New Hampshire



**For the Fiscal Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 2004**



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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen Term Expires

Alfred (Duke) Reed	2005
Twila D. Cook (chairman)	2006
Albert D. Epperly	2007

Moderator

Matthew Denton	2005
Christie Phelps (resigned)	2004
Mickey McIver	2004

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Sylvia Hill	2005
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Treasurer

Penelope Dusio	2005
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Police Chief

Dale Cook	2005
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Road Agent

Jason Hatch	2005
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Supervisors of the Checklist

Penelope Dusio	2005
Martha Plaisted	2006
Nancy Reed	2008

Library Trustees

Sybil Hibbard	2005
Eula Epperly	2006
Ann Johnson	2007

Budget Committee

Charlotte McIver	2005
Chester Martin	2005
Tricia Taylor	2005
Jeremy Cornell	2006
James Phelps (resigned)	2006
Tim Martin	2007

Auditors

Lyn England	2005
Andy Phelps	2006

Planning Board Term Expires

Linda Wilson	2007
Phyllis Taylor	2007
James Phelps	2005
Barry Tisbert	2005
Gary Donoghue	2006
Albert Epperly (resigned)	2006
Debra Phelps	2005

Recreation Committee

Dale Cook	2005
Ed Lovering	2006

Emergency Mgmt Director

Andy Phelps (resigned)	
Chairman Board of Selectmen	

Forest Fire Warden

Merton Austin, Fire Chief	
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Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mickey McIver	2007
Dale Cook	2007
Richard Cushing	2005
Richard Hill	2005
Jason Hatch	2006

School Board Representative

Jon Johnson	2006
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School Board Budget Comm.

Dawn Thompson (resigned)	
Audrey Pellegrieno	2006

Selectmen's Annual Report for Year Ending 12/31/2004

The Danbury Board of Selectmen regrets the loss of Christie Phelps to the Town of Alexandria. Christie was administrative assistant to the Danbury Board and a mainstay in the Board's and the Town's operation for more than eight years. Christie's experience, knowledge, and performance will be difficult to replace.

We also mourn the loss of Katherine Colby who in love for the Town and its people gave of herself so liberally. She was involved in many town activities, the support of senior citizens, a booster for town recreation facilities, and a participant in Danbury Community Center Programs. She was also active in the Blazing Star Grange.

Our profound thanks go to Mert Austin who has announced his resignation as Fire Chief after 15 years of exemplary service. Mert is responsible for an outstanding fire department by any standards or measurements. With 100% of volunteers formally trained in structural fire fighting vs only 33% state wide. One hundred percent of our EMT's are formally trained vs only 27% state wide. By every other measure the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department is outstanding.

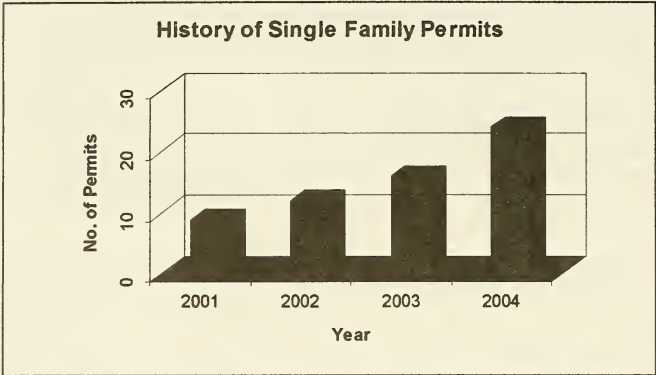
Our Report cover picture was taken in tribute to John Ford. John was a long time member of the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department; we were unable to recognize his passing by flying the flag at half mast due to the old pole's collapse. The new pole and flag raising was dedicated to the memory of John Ford.

We are honored to recognize all those who are protecting our freedoms and providing our security by serving in our armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

- Christopher Huntoon, son of Carl & Terry Huntoon
- Bradley Hibbard, son of Charles & Sybil Hibbard
- Joe Cross son of Diane Lavorgna
- Melanie Ober, daughter of Penny & Ray Bill
- Derek Boyle, son of Penny & Ray Bill
- Tricia Thompson, member of Danbury Police force
- Christina Robinson, daughter of Charlie & Virginia Robinson
- Shawn Hawkes, son of Christie Phelps
- Andrew Hawkes, son of Christie Phelps

We also honor those who have served or given their lives in the past to protect us here today.

Danbury experienced a significant increase in building starts in 2004. Compared with previous years, there is a steady increase in single family home starts.



It is estimated that there was a three million dollar addition to the tax base for the coming year. Approximately 15% through additions, alterations and renovation and the remaining 85% by new homes. This is almost a 4.5% increase from last year. In addition to the effect of future increased revenue the Selectmen chose to use a portion of the unreserved fund balance to reduce 2004 taxes.

Projects completed in the past year include the purchase of a new highway truck, repair of the Town Hall Entrance, painting of the Town Hall and Fire Station, and the repair of leaks in the Library roof. The Transfer station project was delayed by permitting problems and electrical supply issues. The document storage project was delayed due to land availability.

2004 DANBURY TOWN MEETING MINUTES

for the second Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Polls were open from 11AM to 7PM.

- 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The business meeting was convened on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 7:05PM at the Danbury Town Hall, 23 High Street, Danbury, New Hampshire 03230. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Matthew Denton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag then introduction of the town officers seated at the front of the room. They were: Selectmen, Alfred “Duke” Reed, Twila Cook, and Jon Schurger; Town Clerk, Sylvia Hill; Budget Committee Members: Charlotte McIver, Chairperson; Jeremy Cornell, Tricia Taylor, Chester Martin, Tim Martin and Jim Phelps.

The moderator then read the results of Tuesday’s elections for the town. Also included are the results of the Newfound Area School District Voting. There were 330 of 695 registered voters that turned out at the polls, or 47%. The following officers were elected:

Auditor, 2 years.....	Andy Phelps
Cemetery Trustee, 3 years.....	Joshua W. Hatch
Chief of Police.....	Dale J. Cook
Library Trustee, 3 years	Ann M. Johnson
Moderator, 2 years	Christie M. Phelps
Municipal Budget Committee, 3 years	James M. Larkin
.....	Timothy R. Martin

Planning Board Member, 3 years..... Phyllis J. Taylor
..... Linda Ray Wilson
Recreation Committee Member, 3 years various write-ins
Recreation Committee Member, 1 year various write-ins
Road Agent, 1 year..... Jason S. Hatch
Selectman, 3 years..... Albert D. Epperly
Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 yearsPenelope A. Dusio
Tax Collector, 1 year..... Sylvia Hill
Town Clerk, 1 year..... Sylvia Hill
Treasurer, 1 year.....Penelope Dusio
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years..... various write-ins
Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 years..... Dale J. Cook
..... Mickey McIver

Petitioned Article #1: Are you in favor of having the office of town clerk combined with the office of tax collector, thereby creating a new office of town clerk-tax collector to be held by one individual for a term of three years per RSA 41:45-a to be elected at next year’s regular town meeting? Passed by simple majority with **214 YES**, 93 NO

Petitioned Article #2: Are you in favor of changing the term of the town treasurer from one to three years, beginning with the term of the town treasurer to be elected at next year’s regular town meeting? Passed by simple majority with **206 YES**, 96 NO

The following Newfound Area School District
Officers were elected: Danbury Newfound District

Alexandria School Board, 3 yearsSuzanne CheneySuzanne Cheney
Alexandria Budget CommitteeVirginia DugganVirginia Duggan
District Moderator Ned Gordon..... Ned Gordon

School District Warrant Articles:.... DanburyNewfound District

Article 2: Teacher Contract Agreement...No.....	No
Article 3: Compensation Plan Funding....No.....	Yes
Article 4: Contingency Fund.....No.....	Yes
Article 5: Expendable Trust Fund-Building Maintenance...No	Yes
Article 6: Capital Improvements Plan.....No.....	Yes
Article 7: Budget FY-04/05	No

Motion made by Richard Hakins to discuss Article 5 as the first article to be discussed this evening prior to the operating budget. *Seconded by Ed Lovering*. A request was received from the floor to read Article 5, and the Moderator read it. After a few minutes discussion, **this motion was defeated** in favor of moving on to the budget article.

- 2. To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$768,861.00 as the **operating budget** of the town for 2004. This does not include any warrant articles. Recommended by Budget Committee-- \$769,861.00. Recommended by Selectmen, \$797,058.00.

Motion made by Mickey McIver, seconded by Al Epperly to pass article 2. *Motion made by Twila Cook* to amend Article 2: to reduce Town Meeting for Town Report Printing to \$1,850 by \$650; to increase the Police Dept. Officers Salaries by \$6,878 to \$41,178; to increase Solid Waste Operators Salaries for other by \$2,744 to \$6,784.00; to increase General Government Building Repairs by \$7,000

to \$8,500; and Regional Associations by \$700 to include the appropriation for the NH Humane Society, for a total of \$786,533. (Difference \$16,672.) , *seconded by Kelly South.*

Twila spoke to the article and explained that the actual bill has come in for the current annual reports and it was less than anticipated. The increase for police officers salaries to go with what the Selectmen recommended: solid waste salaries to have two operators work 8 hours each day the dump is open; general government buildings because a little over \$1,000 has already been spent to thaw the water line this year. Later on in the warrant is an article for an artesian well near the front of the building. \$700 for the humane society based upon new information which became available after the selectmen had made their budget recommendations, and they do now recommend it.

Andy Phelps spoke to the motion, particularly regarding the well issue. Andy had done some research, and pointed out that the land area is too small, the septic too near, guidelines would not be able to be met. *Motion made by Tricia Taylor* to divide the amendment and consider each request separately, *seconded by Penelope Dusio.* **Motion to divide the amendment passed by voice vote.**

There was discussion on how to divide the question when a motion to amend the question was already on the floor. It was pointed out that if the amendment is defeated, then it could be reconsidered. *Motion made by Harold Knott, seconded by Debbie Phelps* to move the amendment to change Article 2 as a lump sum as presented by Twila. If the amendment as a whole is moved and defeated, then the body can reconsider and make each amendment

individually as they come up in the budget. **Amendment failed.**

Charlotte McIver started reviewing the entire budget and read the Budget Committee recommendations.

*Motion made by Twila Cook to reduce Town Report Printing, Town Meeting by \$650 to \$1,850. Seconded by Charlotte McIver. **Amendment passed by voice vote.***

*Motion made by Sylvia Hill to increase Town Clerk Equipment by \$350 to \$750. Seconded by Mickey McIver. After considerable discussion regarding computer costs and needs, **amendment passed by voice vote.***

*Motion made by Sylvia Hill to increase Tax Collector Equipment by \$350 to \$740. Seconded by Al Epperly. **Amendment passed by voice vote.***

Duke Reed spoke to the large difference between the Selectmen's and Budget Committee's recommendations on the General Government Buildings article. The majority of this difference is the Budget Committee's request to remove items from the general budget and put them in special warrant articles, so in reality there is little, if any, difference.

Motion made by Twila Cook, seconded by Jon Schurger to increase General Government Building Repairs by \$7,000.

Discussion ensued and Twila explained that \$6,000 of this amount is requested to drill a new artesian well. After much more discussion regarding the water and sewer

situations, Twila stood corrected that there is a septic system at the front of the building. (This was confirmed by at least two others in the room that knew the location of the septic system.) **The amendment was defeated by voice vote.**

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Audrey Pellegrino to increase General Government Buildings by \$1,000 for correction of the water line problems.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Twila Cook, seconded by Charlotte McIver to increase Regional Associations by \$700 for the New Hampshire Humane Society. The Selectmen do recommend this change since additional information has been received since budget preparation time. Charlotte McIver indicated that the Budget Committee supports this change as well.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Duke Reed publicly commended Kelly South, Animal Control Officer, for doing an outstanding job.

Motion made by Twila Cook, seconded by Chris Euerle to increase police officers salaries by \$6,878 to \$41,178.

Tricia Taylor asked why. Twila's response was that she didn't remember what the Budget Committee's rationale was, but (Twila) wrote down a budget as far as police officers salaries--what she is asking for tonight. She did not go along with that portion of the Budget Committee. She sits on the Budget Committee and does not always agree with them, and they do not always agree with the Selectmen--she is there (at Budget Committee Meetings) to

interject what the Selectmen are for. Dale asked the Selectmen for one officer, \$10/hr, 40 hours/week for 52 weeks. We happen to know that we have 53 weeks this year in our payroll. He asked for one officer at \$13/hr for 25 hours/week for 48 weeks because that officer works for another town and would be over the allowed time if he worked over that. He asked for one officer at \$14.50/hr for 15 hours/week for 52 weeks. He also asked for \$500 less for himself than he was given last year. Since the selectmen didn't think the taxpayers would support a full-time officer, they came up with a scenario to give the town as much coverage as we probably need. She came up with one officer is at \$10.00/hr, 25 hours/week for 53 weeks (the new officer)(\$13,250); the second officer at \$13.00/hr for 25 hours/week for 48 weeks (\$15,600), and Andy Ware at \$14.50/hr for 15 hours/wk for 53 weeks which changed it to \$11,527, there being 53 weeks. The \$41,178 didn't include the \$15,000 chief, but does include the \$800 for the animal control officer. Charlotte McIver pointed out the Budget Committee's concern of a large jump this year. Historical figures for police officers salaries were 2001 - \$12,750; 2002 - \$18,995; and 2003 - \$25,764. She also read the Budget Committee's recommendation.

Chris Euerle asked if the chief received "stand-by" pay as many individuals that work jobs requiring stand-by do. The answer is that it is not included. The money issues were followed by more discussion regarding recent break-ins and police department activity. **Amendment passed.**

Jon Schurger spoke on the street lighting and informally asked how many would like to see all the streetlights done away with. There was light-hearted discussion and hand

raising, but nothing was changed from the current budget request.

Motion made by Twila Cook, seconded by Jon Schurger to increase Salary-Other under Solid Waste by \$2,744 to \$6,784. This would allow for two operators at the dump during the two days that it is open. Jim Phelps questioned whether this amount was contained in Article 11, a special article proposed to improve the efficiency of the transfer station, and the response was that it is not. Twila felt it would take two full-time men to “re-educate the public” this year. There was more discussion regarding the transfer station and its operation with comparisons to other towns, and some of the discussion, which related to Article 11 was discussed here. **Amendment passed by a hand count.**

There was some discussion regarding the Library and the trustees indicated that they were asked by the Budget Committee to use some of the money in trust fund interest for repairs and painting rather than a chemical toilet, which they had planned. The interest only can be used from these funds.

Motion made by Twila Cook, seconded by Jon Schurger to increase legal fees from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Due to a possible suit, the legal fees need to be increased.
Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article 2 was passed as amended for a total of \$785,233.

Motion made by Charlotte McIver for a ten-minute break. Seconded by Tammy Phelps. Voted in the affirmative.

Meeting reconvened after a break.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used to **paint the fire hall**. This is to be considered a **special article**. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Tricia Taylor. A question was asked whether the work would go out to bid. The answer was yes. **Article 3 passed by unanimous voice vote.**

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$6,000.00 to be used to **paint the town hall**. This is to be considered a **special article**. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.

A question was asked whether there would be a time limit on when this was to happen. The answer from someone was December 31. *Motion made to pass Article 4 by Tricia Taylor, seconded by Duke Reed.* **Article 4 passed by voice vote.**

5. To see if the Town will vote to **dispose of the Roller Shed Property**, so-called, on Restful Road by a sealed bid process. By Petition.

Motion made by Harold Knott, seconded by Donald Haynes to pass Article 5. There followed quite a bit of discussion as to the merits of keeping the building and its state of disrepair. It was also questioned whether there was historic

merit in keeping the building. After lengthy discussion, it was determined the building would be repaired by Andy Phelps who had been unable to complete it last year, and the building would be used by the cemetery and recreation departments as previously planned. **Article 5 failed by voice vote.**

6. To see if the Town will vote to modify the **Optional Veterans' Tax Credit** as allowed by NHRSA 72:28-II from \$100 to \$500. Recommended by Selectmen. Budget Committee recommends increase from \$100 to \$200.

Motion made by Andy Phelps, seconded by Tricia Taylor to pass Article 6. After some discussion and information that some towns were implementing this credit in increments, motion made by Charlotte McIver, seconded by Jeremy Cornell to amend Article 6 read ...from \$100 to \$200.

Amendment passed. Article 6 was passed as amended by voice vote.

7. To see if the Town will vote to modify the **Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability** as allowed by NHRSA 72:35-Ia from \$1,400 to \$2,000. Recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.

Motion made by Duke Reed, seconded by Charlotte McIver to pass Article 7. The budget committee felt this was a large increase to accept all at once. We currently have seven individuals that would be affected. Doug Colby spoke and pointed out that these individuals have given of themselves so that we may have the freedom to be here at a

town meeting doing what we are doing tonight. Bill Egge also spoke as a veteran, and pointed out that these individuals put themselves in harm's way. With a round of applause and without further discussion, **Article 7 passed by voice vote.**

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$6,000 to relocate the town hall water line** and take measures to prevent it from freezing. This is to be considered a special warrant article. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee. *Motion made by Twila Cook, seconded by Nancy Reed to pass Article 8. Amendment proposed by Jim Phelps, seconded by Tim Martin to change amount to \$3,000.* After discussion, the **amendment failed by voice vote, and Article 8 passed as originally stated.** Christie Phelps stated that whatever happens she hopes we are able to incorporate the materials that we already bought last fall to be used on the waterline project and are sitting at the highway garage now. Duke Reed stated that they would get all the "sidewalk superintendents" together and go with the best possible bid. We will get it done properly and as soon as possible.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,600.00 for **repairs to the library roof.** This is a **special warrant article.** Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee. *Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Harold Knott to pass Article 9.* Based on money that the Library Trustees have available for repairs in a trust fund, *Charlotte McIver made a motion to amend the amount to*

\$2,900. *Seconded by Jeremy Cornell. Amendment passed by voice vote, Article 9 passed as amended.*

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$750 in order to rebuild the entrance roof to town hall near the selectmen's office.** This is a **special warrant article.** Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee. *Motion made to pass Article 10 by Twila Cook, seconded by Duke Reed.*

Tammy Phelps questioned whether this would go to bid; again the answer was yes. **Article 10 passed by voice vote.**

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,800 for the construction and/or equipment necessary to optimize the traffic flow, safety and efficiency of the Danbury Transfer Station.** This is a **special warrant article.** Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee. *Motion made by Tricia Taylor, seconded by Dennis Phelps to pass the article.*

Jim Phelps asked exactly what was planned to do with the \$10,800. Twila pointed to a plan that was on display showing a plan to move to 3-phase (electrical power) so the compactor will be more efficient. The cost is \$3,800 for the 3-phase with \$1,200 for additional electrical work; \$2,000 for a new building to go with the ramp to a "drive-up"/"drop-in" hopper, they have a set bid for additional retaining blocks of \$1,300; heater for building and motor, \$1,500; \$1,000 for miscellaneous concrete, hard-pack. There was a great deal of discussion on this article, and particularly the electrical setup. Road Agent, Jason Hatch

indicated that the Town would be the last one “adding on” for 3-phase power, Justin Welles already has a contract. This would actually result in a lower the cost for all three property owners. Chris Gealy pointed out that no one had contacted them to verify the prices after substantial changes had been made to the original layout. **Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$95,000 for the purchase of a new highway truck**. The sum of \$75,000 to be issued through a long-term note, the term and interest to be negotiated by the Selectmen.

The remainder of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxation. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee. Requires 2/3 ballot vote. *Motion made by Harold Knott, seconded by Stanley Phelps to pass article. Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Charlotte McIver to read* “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for the purchase of a new highway truck—the sum \$80,000 to be issued through a two-year note to be negotiated by the Selectmen. The remainder of \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. **Amendment passed by voice vote.**

The Road Agent spoke to the article on the proposed truck specifications, which are attached to these minutes.

Ballot vote passed as amended with 63 Yes, 5 No.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a **sum not to exceed \$33,000.00 for the purpose of building storage space for records preservation and necessary building and/or land modifications to**

accommodate proper record storage as proposed by the Municipal Records Committee and Records Committee Volunteers. This money is to be expended in addition to the Records Preservation Capital Reserve Fund. This article authorizes the Selectmen to act as spending agents. By Petition. Not recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee. *Motion made by Sylvia Hill, Seconded by Sandra Puhlhorn to pass Article 13.*

Sylvia Hill spoke to the article reiterating the need and explaining the results of several public meetings. While most departments were represented at the Town Meeting, she also reminded them of the need to do a 24-hour posting of any public meeting--which is two or more people, and minutes must be taken. She has archival paper on which to record them, as they are permanent records, then deposit final minutes with the Town Clerk. Thanks to all volunteers that have worked on the records project. Andy Phelps spoke and said that we finally got a nice place where we can have a meeting, we don't need a vault there. Tammy Phelps asked if neither the Budget Committee nor the Selectmen recommend the article, what do they recommend in the near future for all these records? Duke Reed responded that basically what they needed was more cost information on the options before proceeding. Others that have volunteered their time and/or recognize the need such as Jack Puhlhorn, Ed Lovering and Linda Wilson also spoke to the issue, and Marilyn Ford spoke of the "vermin" that crawl through the records upstairs and end up dead on the attic stairs or in the walls! Jack Puhlhorn had obtained information on what appears to be the most expensive of the possible options at this point, a concrete shelter that would

be operational with appropriate humidity and temperature controls. **Ballot vote was requested by five voters, Article 13 passed by ballot vote 36 Yes; 33 No.**

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200,000.00 for a new fire truck.** \$182,000.00 to be paid through a grant, \$14,500.00 to be raised by taxation and \$3,500.00 to be withdrawn from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Account. Expenditure of any money stated in this article is contingent on the award of the grant. This is a **special warrant article**. Recommended by Selectmen, Recommended by Budget Committee. *Motion made by Charlotte McIver to pass Article 14, seconded by Jim Phelps.*

There was some discussion on this article. Terri Towle graciously volunteered her expertise to help write the grant. **Article 14 passed.**

15. Any other business to come before the town.

Duke Reed encouraged voters to take an interest in the school budget and participate in those meetings as that is the most significant factor in the tax bills. Numbers for attendance at those meetings is very small, particularly in comparison to tonight's turnout and dollars considered.

Motion to adjourn made by Charlotte McIver, seconded by Jim Phelps. Meeting adjourned by Moderator, Matt Denton at 11:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	2003	2004
LAND		
Current Use	1,717,977.00	1,301,808.00
Residential	20,047,730.00	20,174,020.00
Commercial/Industrial	836,380.00	819,260.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	<u>22,602,087.00</u>	<u>22,295,088.00</u>
BUILDINGS		
Residential	35,404,090.00	36,996,310.00
Manufactured Housing	1,952,430.00	2,027,520.00
Commercial/Industrial	5,132,900.00	4,283,700.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	<u>42,489,420.00</u>	<u>43,307,530.00</u>
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	1,047,126.00	1,099,011.00
TOTAL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>1,047,126.00</u>	<u>1,099,011.00</u>
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	66,138,633.00	66,701,290.00
Blind	60,000.00	60,000.00
Elderly	572,790.00	600,000.00
Disability	0	30,000.00
NET VALUATION FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL		
TAX RATE	<u>65,505,843.00</u>	<u>66,011,629.00</u>
Less Public Utilities	-1,047,126.00	-1,099,011.00
NET VALUATION W/O UTILITIES FOR STATE SCHOOL		
TAX RATE	<u>64,458,717.00</u>	<u>64,912,618.00</u>
TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS		
Property Taxes to be Raised	1,820,599.00	1,989,880.00
Less War Service Credit	-16,200.00	-29,800.00
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	<u>1,803,659.00</u>	<u>1,960,080.00</u>
Town	4.94	6.15
County	2.38	2.81
Local School	15.69	17.8
State School	4.86	3.87
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	<u>27.87</u>	<u>30.63</u>

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

	2003	2004
Total Town Appropriation	758,746.00	1,263,574.00
Total Revenue & Credits	477,327.00	856,964.00
Net Town Assessment	281,419.00	406,610.00
Net Local School Assessment	1,027,877.00	1,175,992.00
Net State School Assessment	313,521.00	251,459.00
County Tax Assessment	155,838.00	185,681.00
Town, School & County Total	1,778,655.00	2,019,742.00
War Service Credit/Overlay	-41,904.00	-120,891.00
Property Taxes to be Raised	1,820,559.00	2,019,742.00

PROOF OF TAX RATE

State Education Tax	64,979,828.00	3.87	251,459.00
All Other Taxes	66,078,839.00	26.76	1,768,283.00
			<u>2,019,742.00</u>

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT

Purpose	Principal	2005	2006
Garage	90,000	9,000	a year until 2010
Highway Truck	65,000	14,692	
Property Reval.	52,500	17,500	
Highway Truck	80,000	40,000	40,000
Totals:	287,500	81,192	49,000 27,000

**Comparative Statement of
Appropriations & Expenditures
Year Ending December 31, 2004**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation	Expenditures	Balance
Executive	42,242.00	40,080.56	2,161.44
Election, Reg. And Vitals	24,686.00	23,036.94	1,649.06
Financial Administration	23,501.00	22,651.75	849.25
Property Revaluation	4,900.00	5,792.50	(892.50)
Legal Expenses	10,000.00	12,718.01	(2,718.01)
Health Insurance	25,200.00	25,646.44	(446.44)
Personnel Administration	35,141.00	33,915.02	1,225.98
Planning & Zoning	2,148.00	839.15	1,308.85
General Govt. Buildings	12,753.00	13,017.42	(264.42)
Cemeteries	3,824.00	3,824.00	0.00
Insurance	14,000.00	21,187.05	(7,187.05)
Regional Associations	11,623.00	13,080.29	(1,457.29)
Tax Mapping	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Police Department	82,745.00	73,684.96	9,060.04
Ambulance	17,262.00	17,262.00	0.00
Fire Department	19,000.00	24,903.16	(5,903.16)
Emergency Management	200.00	0.00	200.00
Forest Fire Control	1,200.00	1,613.67	(413.67)
Highways and Streets	275,018.00	260,665.60	14,352.40
Street Lighting	4,800.00	5,187.45	(387.45)
Solid Waste Disposal	74,482.00	72,389.50	2,092.50
Health Agencies	3,643.00	3,643.00	0.00
Welfare	5,000.00	1,878.24	3,121.76
Parks & Recreation	10,588.00	9,665.59	922.41
Library	5,895.00	4,975.05	919.95
Patriotic Purposes	950.00	939.00	11.00
Other Culture & Recreation	5,350.00	5,350.00	0.00
Long-Term Notes-Principal	52,320.00	61,247.99	(8,927.99)
Long-Term Notes-Interest	11,762.00	5,736.24	6,025.76
TAN Interest	4,000.00	1,953.89	2,046.11
Town Hall Painting	6,000.00	5,750.00	250.00
Fire Hall Painting	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Library Roof Repair	2,900.00	2,750.00	150.00
TH Entrance Repair	750.00	612.97	137.03
Water-line Relocation	6,000.00	2,544.00	3,593.03
Transfer Station Upgrade	10,800.00	0.00	10,800.00
Highway Truck	95,000.00	94,964.00	6.00
Records Storage	33,000.00	0.00	33,000.00
Fire Truck	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
TOTALS:	1,142,883.00	877,705.44	265,284.59
UNEXPENDED BALANCE	236,686.61		
LESS OVERDRAFTS	28,597.98		
LESS FUNDS HELD OVER	14,393.03		
TOTAL UNEXPENDED BALANCE	193,695.60		

AUDITORS REPORT

March 16, 2004

Town of Danbury – Selectmen:

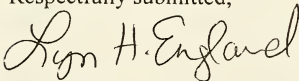
We have audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Trustees of the Trust funds, George Gamble Library Trustees and the Recreation department, for the town of Danbury, NH for the year ended December 31, 2003.

We would like to take a moment to give recommendations with regards to the findings of the audit.

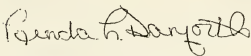
- (1) Any one who has a time sheet should be signing it before they turn it in.
- (2) Any one who wants to donate time to the town should be given a log sheet for volunteers instead of time sheets.
This form could be made in the office.
- (3) The vendor and employee files should be kept separated.
- (4) Cancelled checks should be attached to employee time sheets.
- (5) Recreation department needs to reconcile checkbook.
- (6) Treasurer and Selectmen's office should have linking systems so they can reconcile with each other on a regular basis.
- (7) During a random pulling of files found several checks with only two signatures.
- (8) Line of credit should be run through general account.
- (9) Should consider a voucher system for disbursements from trust funds.
- (10) A numbering system should be set up for recording abatements and refunds.

Based on the audit - one final recommendation we would like to make is that the Selectmen attend a local seminar with regards to the personnel issues listed above to avoid future town liability.

Respectfully submitted,



Lyn H. England



Linda L. Danforth

Town of Danbury				
Summary of Trust Fund Accounts as of December 31, 2004				
Common Trust Cemeteries			Bridge Fund Capital Reserve	
Beginning Balance:	\$44,545.12		Beginning Balance:	\$18,295.23
Income:			Income:	
New Funds:	\$100.00		New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$170.44		Interest:	\$89.66
Interest CD:	\$144.44			
Expense:	(\$453.87)		Expense:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$44,506.13		Ending Balance:	\$18,384.89
Parsonage Fund			Fire Department	
			Capital Reserve Fund	
Beginning Balance:	\$300.84		Beginning Balance:	\$3,650.73
Income:			Income:	
New Funds:	\$0.00		New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$0.75		Interest:	\$9.10
Expense:			Expense:	
Disbursement:	(\$0.84)		Disbursement:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$300.75		Ending Balance:	\$3,659.83
Forest Fire Equipment			Records Preservation Fund	
Beginning Balance:	\$2,145.56		Beginning Balance:	\$7,771.50
Income:			Income:	
New Funds:	\$0.00		New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$4.99		Interest:	\$19.38
Expense:			Expense:	
Purchases:	(\$2,000.00)		Purchases:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$150.55		Ending Balance:	\$7,790.88
Highway Equipment			Property Reval Capital Res	
Beginning Balance:	\$1,648.22		Beginning Balance:	\$3,736.70
Income:			Income:	
New Funds:	\$0.00		New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$4.10		Interest:	\$9.32
Expense:			Expense:	
Disbursements:	\$0.00		Disbursement:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$1,652.32		Ending Balance:	\$3,746.02
Police Dept Capital Reserve			Planning Board Cap Reserve	
Beginning Balance:	\$10,355.58		Beginning Balance:	\$103.83
Income:			Income:	
New Funds:	\$0.00		New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$50.75		Interest:	\$0.26
Expense:			Expense:	
Disbursements:	\$0.00		Disbursement:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$10,406.33		Ending Balance:	\$104.89

Gen Govt Bldg Cap Res		Cemetery Fund	\$44,506.13
Beginning Balance:	\$5,074.75	Parsonage Fund	\$300.75
Income:		Forest Fire Equipment	\$150.55
New Funds:	\$0.00	Highway Equipment Fund	\$1,652.32
Interest:	\$11.73	Police Dept Capital Reserve	\$10,406.33
Expense:		Planning Board Capital Reserve	\$104.09
Disbursement:	(\$759.49)	Bridge Fund	\$18,384.89
		Fire Dept Capital Reserve	\$3,659.83
Ending Balance:	\$4,326.99	Records Preservation Fund	\$7,790.88
		Property Revaluation Capital Res	\$3,746.02
		Gen'l Gov't Bldg Capital Res	\$4,326.99
		Total	\$95,028.78

prepared by John De Santis
Bookkeeper/Trustee of Trust Funds

**Income Received by Treasurer Penelope A. Dusio
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004**

Description	From Tax Collector
2004 Property Tax	\$1,030,840.65
2004 Property Tax Interest	\$1,823.86
2004 Yield Tax	\$8,917.81
2004 Yield Tax Interest	\$0.00
2004 Gravel Tax	\$995.68
2204 Current Use Tax	\$511.20
2004 Resident Tax	\$6,030.00
2004 Resident Tax Penalty	\$14.00
2004 Redemption Interest	\$437.00
2004 Fees	\$2,339.50
2004 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
2003 Property Tax	\$593,702.09
2003 PropertyTax Interest	\$17,657.64
2003 Yield Tax	\$10,391.68
2003 Yield Tax Interest	\$0.00
2003 Resident Tax	\$790.00
2003 Resident Tax Penalty	\$76.00
2003 Redemption	\$27,393.39
2003 Redemption Interest	\$1,783.88
2203 Fees	\$17.00
2002 Resident Tax	\$30.00
2002 Resident Tax Interest	\$3.00
2002 Redemptions	\$17,476.48
2002 Redemption Interest	\$3,080.57
2001 & Prior Redemptions	\$157,707.32
2001 & Prior Redemption Interest	\$71,049.23
2001 & Prior Fees	\$1,113.41
	<u>\$1,954,181.39</u>

Description	From Town Clerk
2004 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$168,614.62
2004 Motor Vehicle Titles	\$776.00
2004 Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	\$4,037.50
2004 Dog Licenses	\$2,357.50
2004 Dog Penalties	\$206.00
2004 Dog Fines	\$635.00
2004 Filing Fees	\$63.00
2004 Vital Statistics	\$188.00
2004 Marriages	\$405.00
2004 UCC	\$450.00
2004 Fed Tax Lien	\$15.00
2004 Miscellaneous Income	\$423.30
	<u>\$178,170.92</u>

Description	Income From Selectmen and Other Sources
2004 Line of Credit Income	\$374,964.00
2004 Revenue Sharing	\$10,102.00
2004 Highway Block Grant	\$111,177.62
2004 Rooms & Meal Tax Distribution	\$36,976.98
2004 Homeland Security Grant	\$2,468.49
2004 Capital Reserve Income	\$4,371.08
2004 Transfer Station Fees	\$4,897.83
2004 Planning Board Income	\$450.00
2004 Dump Stickers	\$108.00
2004 Police Department Income	\$846.00
2004 Sale of Town Owned Property	\$100.00
2004 Pistol Permit Fees	\$460.00
2004 Building Permit Fees	\$534.00
2004 Copies	\$160.40
2004 Returned Check Fees	\$55.00
2004 Insurance Reimbursement	\$276.00
2004 Miscellaneous Refunds	\$171.58
2004 Fire Department Income/Fines	\$612.00
2004 Highway Department Income	\$4,674.09
2004 Cemetery Income from Trustees	\$453.87
2004 Equipment Rental	\$40.00
2004 CAP Reimbursement	\$1,558.00
2004 Interest Income Bank	\$1,102.18
2004 Loan Proceeds Highway Truck	\$80,000.00
2004 Other Income	\$136.35
2004 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.10
2004 Mutual Aid Income	\$202.40
2004 Returned Checks and Fees	\$5,839.69
2004 Interest Income Federal Gov't	\$56.01
2004 Federal Tax overpayment 2003	\$3,346.71
	<u>\$646,140.38</u>
 Total Income 2004	
Penelope A. Dusio Treasurer	<u>\$2,778,492.69</u>

Treasurer's Expenditures 2004

Beginning Balance January 1, 2004	\$373,891.07
Check from 2003 voided in 2004	\$950.25
Income Received 2004	\$2,403,528.69
Line of Credit	\$374,964.00
Total Available Funds 2004	<u>\$3,153,334.01</u>
Expenditures 2004	\$2,885,171.73
	<u>\$268,162.28</u>

Balance Bank of NH 12/31/04	\$268,159.34
Balance Mascoma Savings 12/31/04	\$2.94
Total Available Funds 12/31/04	<u>\$268,162.28</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE-MBA
RSA 32:18, 19 & 32:21

Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$1,081,995.00
Less Exclusions:	
Principal Long Term Notes	\$81,192.00
Interest Long Term Notes	6,676.00
Capital Outlays Funded w/LT Notes	160,000.00
Total Exclusions	\$247,868.00
Amount Recommended Less Exclusions	834,127.00
Line 7 X 10%	83,413.00
Maximum Allowable Appropriation	\$1,165,408.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	VALUE		TOTAL
			LAND	BLDG	
201-000-000	R.O.W. Back of Riverdale Cemetery	1.75	\$2,625.00		\$2,625.00
201-001-000	Danbury Town Hall	0.27	\$15,200.00	\$86,800.00	\$102,000.00
201-031-001	Old Railroad Property	1.7	\$13,560.00		\$13,560.00
201-034-000	Route 4 North	0.19	\$3,800.00		\$3,800.00
201-068-000	Independence Park	21	\$36,200.00	\$5,000.00	\$41,200.00
201-073-000	Riverdale Cemetery, Lot 1	3.4	\$2,720.00		\$2,720.00
201-082-000	Riverdale Cemetery, Lot 2	1.3	\$13,240.00		\$13,240.00
201-083-000	Danbury Transfer Station	8.6	\$19,080.00	\$1,440.00	\$20,520.00
201-086-000	Danbury Fire Station	0.23	\$13,800.00	\$136,200.00	\$150,000.00
201-087-000	Barber Shop Lot	0.02	\$800.00		\$800.00
201-094-000	George Gamble Library	0.09	\$5,400.00	\$37,500.00	\$42,900.00
201-111-001	Roller Shed Lot	0.09	\$70.00		\$70.00
201-114-000	Danbury Elementary School	3.6	\$25,080.00	\$566,200.00	\$591,280.00
201-138-000	Danbury Community Center	0.94	\$22,280.00	\$296,700.00	\$318,980.00
406-006-000	Lot A-2 Echo Glen	0.36	\$10,440.00		\$10,440.00
406-066-000	Echo Glen Lots K14&15	1.01	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
406-200-000	Brad Chase Road Camp	1.5	\$21,100.00	\$24,550.00	\$45,650.00
406-209-000	Lot 9, Deer Run Park	1.02	\$5,870.00		\$5,870.00
408-060-000	Barney Schlegal Lot	44	\$25,400.00		\$25,400.00
409-054-000	Danbury Highway Garage	20.7	\$37,670.00	\$134,800.00	\$172,470.00
409-064-000	Litchfield Cemetery	0.39	\$10,560.00		\$10,560.00
409-086-000	Sheldon Road Lot	1.06	\$13,050.00		\$13,050.00
409-087-000	Lot B. St. Paul Subdivision	1.82	\$3,910.00		\$3,910.00
410-011-000	Bohonnon Road	0.8	\$640.00		\$640.00
410-046-000	War Hill Cemetery	0.29	\$10,160.00		\$10,160.00
411-000-000	R.O.W. VanOterloo Subdivision	2.45	\$3,675.00		\$3,675.00
411-045-000	Elmwood Cemetery	0.14	\$110.00		\$110.00
411-081-001	Elmwood Park	1.4	\$13,320.00		\$13,320.00
411-113-000	Ragged Mtn. Rd., Bog Lot	0.38	\$1,320.00		\$1,320.00
411-115-000	Ragged Mtn. Rd., Bog Lot	0.15	\$750.00		\$750.00
411-116-000	Ragged Mtn. Rd., Bog Lot	0.18	\$900.00		\$900.00
412-011-000	Route 4 South	1	\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00
412-080-000	Waukeena Lake Road Lot	0.09	\$2,700.00		\$2,700.00
412-103-000	Waukeena Lake Public Landing	0.06	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
415-020-000	Bean Cemetery-New Canada Road	0.52	\$420.00		\$420.00
415-051-000	South Danbury Cemetery	0.46	\$370.00		\$370.00
415-059-001	South Danbury-Across from Church	0.3	\$2,550.00		\$2,550.00
416-043-000	Deckman's Road Lot	1	\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00
416-044-000	Deckman's Road Lot	0.99	\$12,960.00		\$12,960.00
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DANBURY PLANNING BOARD 2004 REPORT

The Danbury Planning Board welcomes visitors. All of our activities are open to the public; notices of meetings and hearings are posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office, and the stores, and everyone is invited to attend. We try to set aside time at each meeting to hear citizens' concerns and ideas. We thank all the people who have made the effort to participate and to share thoughts and ideas with us, both in person and by sending us letters and clippings. From time to time we have vacancies in the "alternate member" positions, and we hope that citizens with an interest in planning and land use will volunteer to serve as alternates.

The Planning Board met 21 times in 2004, including regular meetings, work sessions, and public hearings. The board participated in 24 "preliminary conceptual consultations" with property owners or their agents, providing technical assistance to familiarize them with the Danbury subdivision requirements; the board approved five subdivisions, two lot line adjustments, and a special use permit for the telecommunications tower on Ragged Mountain. The annual capital improvements program (CIP) hearings for the 2004 budget were held in February 2004, in advance of Town Meeting. The Planning Board prepared and adopted site plan review regulations. For 2005, our priority is to modernize the Danbury Road Standards and begin updating the 1985 Master Plan.

Phyllis J. Taylor again served as a Commissioner of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Phyllis was re-elected Treasurer of the LRPC, continued to serve on the LRPC Board of Directors and the Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and became a board member of Friends of the Northern Railroad Rail Trail - Merrimack County. As in previous years, she donated her mileage and travel expenses, for the benefit of the Planning Board and the town. Phyllis and Linda Wilson were re-elected to three-year terms in March, and Charlotte McIver continued as Clerk. Albert Epperly was elected a Selectman, and Twila Cook served as the Selectmen's representative to the board. Former member Debra Phelps rejoined the board as an alternate; later she was appointed to fill the vacancy when Albert left the board, and was elected Secretary. Town Clerk Sylvia Hill remained our highly professional source of cheerful support, thoughtful perspectives, and excellent assistance. Several Zoning Board of Adjustment members have attended Planning Board meetings, and both boards held a joint meeting. We appreciate the good working relationship between the two land use boards. We are also very appreciative of the support the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee have provided and hope that it will continue in the future.

The Planning Board is assisting the Friends of the Northern Railroad Rail Trail in its efforts to improve the trail through Danbury and Andover, which we believe has strong economic as well as recreational potential for townspeople and visitors. We urge Danbury residents to attend the Friends' meetings and to help with trail activities.

DANBURY PLANNING BOARD
2004 REPORT

During the year, Planning Board members attended several different planning, land-use, and legal workshops and conferences, and brought back practical information which has been very useful. We especially appreciate the excellent support, encouragement, and recognition that Lakes Region Planning Commission, NH Municipal Association, and the NH Office of Energy and Planning provide for the town. We highly value those agencies, their staff and services, which are especially important to us now that there are so many challenges from outside the town that make it harder to keep the rural character we value in Danbury.

There will be a special warrant article at Town Meeting to upgrade the town's tax and planning maps so they can be made more user-friendly and available online. Many other NH cities and towns (including small ones like Danbury) have already done this, and report that they are very pleased with the results, and with the savings in staff time formerly spent responding to requests for map and land use information. We hope you will consider the mapping a good investment with a positive return and will join us and others in supporting it.

As noted in last year's report, New Hampshire communities to the south and east of Danbury are experiencing enormous growth pressures that are consuming the countryside, creating congestion, driving up real estate prices and taxes, and increasing school budgets and the needs for municipal services. We are trying to learn how to avoid those problems and find ways that would allow Danbury to accommodate new homes, new residents, and new tax base without causing dramatic changes in our rural community and our scenery. If you have suggestions that could be helpful, please let us know!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ray Wilson
Chair, Danbury Planning Board

DANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

It has been a very busy year for the Danbury Police Department. Danbury is growing at a rapid pace. It appears that this once little town has become a very popular place to live. Just drive on any road in town and you will see many new houses and/or lots being cleared for potential homes.

My staff has done a good job handling this growth. Thanks to Andy Ware for his endless hours preparing legal documents and prosecuting cases in court for the department. Thanks to Norm Daigneault for patrolling our roads and keeping Danbury safe. Thanks to Dawn Cook-Hoy for what she brings to the department - youth and energy. Thanks to Marilyn Ford for putting up with all of us and making some sense of the paperwork she has to handle.

We, the Danbury Police Department as a team, do a great job protecting this town. I look forward to serving you in the coming year as your Chief.

Chief Dale J. Cook

DANBURY TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Danbury Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at eleven A.M. of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following issues.

1. To act upon all items appearing on the official ballot.
Business meeting to be held on Thursday March 10, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Danbury Town Hall at 23 High Street.
2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000 for the purchase of a new Highway Grader and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$160,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the balance of \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. (2/3 Ballot vote required) Selectmen Recommend this appropriation Recommended by Budget Committee
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committees recommended amount of \$884,495 as the operating budget for the Town for 2005. This does not include any other warrant articles. Amount Recommended by the Selectmen-\$926,026
4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 to pay for technical support to update our Emergency Operations Plan with the addition of Terrorism Plan/Annex. This amount needs an in-kind hours match. These plans are required to comply for future FEMA eligibility. We will apply for reimbursement from a 2005 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Recommended by Selectmen Not Recommended by Budget Committee

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,500 to pay for technical support to write an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This amount will need an in-kind hours match. This plan is required to comply for future FEMA eligibility. We will apply for reimbursement from a 2005 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Recommended by Selectmen Not Recommended by Budget Committee
6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,700 for GIS Internet Service. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee
7. To see if the town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission in accordance with RSA 36-A for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources of the Town. The Commission will consist of 5 members appointed by the governing body and shall serve revolving 3 year terms in accordance with RSA 36-A:3.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,800 to be used by the Supervisors of the Checklist to purchase a laptop computer and a barcode scanner. This is to be considered a special article. Petitioned Article. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee
9. To see if the Town will vote that no Building Permit will be issued unless all taxes and fees on the parcel are current.
10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Building Needs Committee. The committee will consist of seven members, one selectman, one fireman, the police chief, the road agent, the town clerk and two other members from the community that will be appointed by the selectmen.
11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA:1 for the purpose of Facilities Planning and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars(\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. Recommended by Selectmen Not recommended by Budget Committee.

12. To hear any other business that may come before the Town.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, 2005

Alfred S. Reed

Twila D. Cook

Albert D. Epperly

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2005--DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Actual Appropriation 2004	Actual Expenditure 2004	Selectmen Recommend 2005	Not Recommended 2005	Budget Recommend 2005	Not Recommended
General Government						
Executive	42,242.00	40,080.56	\$61,245.00		\$41,850.00	\$19,395.00
Election, Reg. & Vitals	24,686.00	23,036.94	\$22,457.00	\$1,800.00	\$21,381.50	\$2,955.50
Financial Administration	23,501.00	22,651.75	\$25,636.00	\$1,102.50	\$24,105.50	\$3,455.50
Property Revaluation	4,900.00	5,792.50	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	
Legal Expenses	10,000.00	12,718.01	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	
Personnel Administration	60,341.00	59,561.46	\$62,790.00		\$62,790.00	
Planning & Zoning	2,148.00	839.15	\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00	
General Govt. Buildings	12,753.00	13,017.42	\$17,710.00		\$16,350.00	\$1,360.00
Cemeteries	3,824.00	3,824.00	\$4,280.00		\$4,280.00	
Insurance	14,000.00	21,187.05	\$22,248.00		\$22,248.00	
Regional Associations	11,623.00	13,080.29	\$12,507.00		\$12,207.00	\$300.00
Tax Mapping	1,200.00	1,200.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	
Public Safety						
Police Department	82,745.00	73,684.96	\$105,097.00		\$94,287.00	\$10,810.00
Ambulance	17,262.00	17,262.00	\$19,966.00		\$19,966.00	
Fire Department	20,000.00	26,516.43	\$35,724.00		\$31,528.00	\$4,196.00
Emergency Management	200.00	0.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Highways & Streets						
Administration	179,118.00	114,685.79	\$189,600.00		\$188,236.00	\$1,364.00
Highways and Streets	85,400.00	81,992.20	\$91,000.00		\$91,000.00	
Snow Plowing	10,500.00	9,987.61	\$10,500.00		\$10,500.00	
Street Lighting	4,800.00	5,187.45	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00	
Sanitation						
Solid Waste Disposal	74,482.00	72,389.50	\$78,879.00		\$78,879.00	

Health/Welfare					
Health Agencies	3,643.00	3,643.00	\$3,687.00		\$3,687.00
Welfare	5,000.00	1,878.24	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Culture & Recreation					\$1,500.00
Parks & Recreation	10,588.00	9,665.59	\$12,215.00		\$10,715.00
Library	5,895.00	4,975.05	\$11,217.00		\$11,217.00
Patriotic Purposes	950.00	939.00	\$950.00		\$950.00
Other Culture & Recreation	5,350.00	5,350.00	\$8,350.00		\$8,350.00
Debt Service					
Long-Term Notes-Principal	52,320.00	61,247.99	\$81,192.00		\$81,192.00
Long-Term Notes-Interest	11,762.00	5,736.24	\$6,676.00		\$6,676.00
TAN Interest	4,000.00	1,953.89	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Capital Outlay					
Records Storage	33,000.00	0.00			
Highway Truck	95,000.00	94,964.00			
Highway Grader			\$185,000.00		\$185,000.00
Supervisors of Checklist Computer			\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00
Other Warrant Articles					
Town Hall Painting	6,000.00	5,750.00			
Fire Hall Painting	3,000.00	3,000.00			
Library Roof Repair	2,900.00	2,750.00			
TH Entrance Repair	750.00	612.97			
Water-line Relocation	6,000.00	2,544.00			
Transfer Station Upgrade	10,800.00	0.00			
Fire Truck	200,000.00	0.00			
Emer. Operation Plan			\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00
All Hazard Mitigation Plan			\$6,500.00		\$6,500.00
GIS Service			\$10,700.00		\$10,700.00
Capital Reserves					
Safety Bldg. Study					
TOTALS:	<u>1,142,683.00</u>	<u>823,705.04</u>	<u>\$1,144,526.00</u>	<u>\$2,902.50</u>	<u>\$1,081,995.00</u>
					<u>\$66,336.00</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2005

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
Appropriations Recommended	926,026	884,495
Special Warrant Articles	11,800	1,800
Individual Warrant Articles	206,700	195,700
Total Appropriations Recommended	1,144,526	1,081,995
Less Estimated Revenues	626,435	626,435
Estimated Taxes to be Raised	518,091	455,560

AUDITOR'S REPORT

At the time of the printing of the town report, the auditor's had not yet completed the auditing process. When complete the results will be on file at the Danbury Town Hall. A copy will be sent to the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration as required by law.

ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 2005

ACCT	DESCRIPTION	2004 Actual	2005 Est.
3120	Land Use Change Tax	511	500
3180	Resident Tax	6850	9460
3185	Timber Tax	19310	10000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
3189	Other Taxes		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Overdue Taxes, Inventory Penalties	75743	70000
3187	Excavation Tax	996	1000
3188	Excavation Activity Tax		0
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	500	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	168614	180000
3230	Building Permits	534	1200
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	9557	10000
3351	Shared Revenues	10102	10102
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	36978	37000
3353	Highway Block Grant	111178	114429
3354	Water Pollution Grant		
3355	Housing & Community Dev.		
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement		
3357	Fire Truck Grant	0	
3359	Other-Homeland Security Grants	8800	13600
3359	School Admin. Grant	0	0
3401-3406	Income from Departments	27862	7350
3409	Other Charges		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	0	0
3502	Interest on Investments		
3503-3509	Other		
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		
3914	From Enterprise Funds		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	0	0
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	453	1294
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Note	80000	160000
		557988	626435

Roller Shed

This building situated on Restful Road was built in 1904 to house the Town's snow rollers. When built it was called the Tool House. After the Town started getting motorized equipment for snow removal this building then became . just a storage shed for whatever .

Approval was granted to renovate at both 2003 & 04 Town Meetings. To meet the guidelines presented to the Board of Selectmen we did the following;

- Cleaned up the site including removing trees as well as junk & etc.

- Cleaned out the inside and separated good from bad

- Upgraded the footings and the support piers

- Added posts, braces, and supports to make the building more sturdy

- Reboarded the complete building except a little of the trim

- Rebuilt the East roof with new rafters(partial length on some and reboarded at least 75% with new boards.

- Built a new window assembly

- Shingled both sides

- Put crush stone under the sills

- Built new doors as well as security devices

- Built a new sign and horseshoe plaque(found in the dirt inside)

Many people helped for up to an hour, but the ones that spent more time as volunteers either on the building or hauling the logs to the saw mill were;

Dick Cushing, Dick Hill, Lee Ford, T J and Andy Phelps

But we are very grateful to anyone who helped even for a few minutes to put this building back in shape to last another 100 years we hope.

Whereas there were not any funds requested at Town Meeting the following donated materials and /or funds to cover the necessary expenses and they are;

Jason Hatch Dick Cushing Jim Phelps Cameron Huntoon

JoAnne & Andy Phelps

We have asked the Selectmen for Jason Hatch, the Road Agent, to have the key and all Depts. be able to use it.

We are pleased with the looks and we hope you are.

Thanks Dick Cushing and Andy Phelps

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Danbury Year Ending 12/31/2004

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		DEBITS			
		Levy for Year 2004 of this Report	2003	PRIOR LEVIES 2002 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	2001&prior
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	593,477		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	1,340	120*	10
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx			2,360
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR			
Property Taxes	#3110	1,993,106	
Resident Taxes	#3180	8,290	
Land Use Change	#3120	1,050	
Yield Taxes	#3185	9,128	11,125
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	996	
Utility Charges	#3189		

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OVERPAYMENT:					
Property Taxes	#3110	702	31		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Tax Costs		2,627			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	1,892	17,658		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	14	76	3	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 2,017,805	\$ 623,707	\$ 123	\$ 2,370

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For the Municipality of Danbury Year Ending 12/31/2004

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		2003	2002	2001&prior
Property Taxes	1,031,112	593,211		
Resident Taxes	6,010	810	30	
Land Use Change	511			
Yield Taxes	8,918	10,392		
Interest (include lien conversion)	1,824	17,658		
Penalties	14	76	3	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	996			
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)				
Tax Costs	2,627			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	514	659		
Resident Taxes	1,020	370	20	10
Land Use Change				
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CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	962,182	(362)		
Resident Taxes	1,260	160	70	
Land Use Change	539			
Yield Taxes	210	733		2,360
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Utility Charges				
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Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		166,381	160,676	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	237,660			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	** 17 1,979	3,446	70,512	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 239,656	\$ 169,827	\$ 231,188	\$

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CREDITS

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Redemptions		27,383	17,476	158,721	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	1,514	3,081	71,148	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		90,195			
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	120,554	149,270	1,319	
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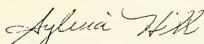
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Town Clerk's Report		
January 1 through December 31, 2004		
#		\$
1,871	Motor Vehicle Permits	168,614
388	Motor Vehicle Titles	776
1,615	Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	4,038
367	Dog Licenses	2,358
71	Dog Penalties	206
27	Dog Fines	635
5	Filing Fees	63
18	Vital Statistics	188
9	Marriages	405
13	UCC's	450
1	Federal Tax Lien	15
166	Miscellaneous	423
4,551		\$178,171

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge.


Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

Marie Meola, former Town Clerk & Tax Collector, passed away on January 30, 2004. She served as Town Clerk for ten years, 1985-1995 and Tax Collector from 1987-1995.

As you can see from the numbers above, Danbury continues to grow each year. As your Town Clerk and Tax Collector, I try to keep pace with the increases while continuing to meet your needs as residents and make your contact with your local government as pleasant as I can.

Effective 12/1/04 Vital Record Requests require a government-issued photo ID. Danbury is now "on-line" with the NH Vital Records making most events 1989 and forward available here even though the event was elsewhere in NH. The Heirloom Birth Certificate is now available at a cost of \$25.00 through the Division of Vital Records. The recipient must be eligible to obtain the record. Effective 1/1/05 Pre-adoption Birth Records are available through the NH Division of Vital Records. Request forms are available on the website at www.sos.nh.gov/vitalrecords.

We all value our freedom and are thankful to our soldiers fighting throughout the world to maintain our ability to vote. There was a lot of work in holding five elections in 2004! Presently there is but one scheduled for 2005! 2006 will bring many changes in the voting process brought about by HAVA (Help America Vote Act).

There was an increase in dog fines in 2004—REMEMBER TO LICENSE YOUR DOGS BY APRIL 30TH! Watch for a rabies clinic at the Grange in April. "Dump stickers" are now being mailed with tax bills, extras are available through the Selectmen's office.

My completion of the third year of certification classes resulted in a citation from the Governor and Danbury now has a Certified Tax Collector. The plan is to complete the fourth year of New Hampshire Joint Certification for the Town Clerk this year.

Automobiles 1991 and newer require a title in 2005—implementation of the 15-year title law will be completed after 2007. The on-line status with the state motor vehicles was not completed in 2004 due to delays. 2005 looks a bit more promising.

Spending for the Records Room project was not approved by the Selectmen.

2/12/2005—Following is a very interesting transcription for anyone interested in the history of our town of a document which I was allowed to photocopy at the New Hampshire Archives. I arranged what turned out to be an excellent field trip for the New Hampshire Joint Certification Committee for Tax Collectors and Town Clerks with Frank Meevers and his dedicated staff at the Archives. They made the visit special by pulling an interesting old document for each of the towns that were represented in the visit. Danbury's is as follows to the best of my ability from a poor photocopy of the original:

30 May 1788 State of New Hampshire, Grafton ss

To the Honorable the General Court to be holden at Concord within and for said State on the first Wednesday of June next.

The petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Cockermouth in the County and State aforesaid Humbly sheweth that whereas we the Inhabitants of sd. town have for a long time been Insatisfied with the name of Cockermouth being afixed to said Town. (These?) and therefore to inform your Honour, that the Inhabitants of sd towns by (there? I.? Gale?) meeting, Did meet in town, meeting in Sd Cockermouth on the Eleventh Da of March 1788 and by their unanimous voice agree to and voted to petition This Honourable Court to Change the Name of Sd town from that of Cockermouth to that of Danbury as by their vote on Sd 11th Day of March . May more fully appear (? As one?.) Therefor, to pray your Honours that by an act of your Honours the names of sd Cockermouth may be vacated and that the name of Danbury be affixed thereto and known in and as such, and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray.

Signed by order of the town,

?Eben Randell?

Cockermouth May 30th 1788

Wm Powers } Selectmen

State of New Hampshire

In the House of Representatives June 7(?or9) 1788

Upon reading and considering the foregoing situation Voted that the prayer thereof be granted & that the petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly~

Sent up for Concioevence(?)

Tho. Bartlett Speaker

In Senate the same day read & concurred.

J. Pearson (Esq?)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For Year Ending December 31, 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Alfred S. Reed, Selectman	2,000.00
Albert D. Epperly, Selectman	2,000.00
Twila D. Cook, Selectman	2,000.00
ATT	19.53
TDS	105.00
Verizon	658.70
Plodzick & Sanderson	220.00
Kearsarge Shopper	157.90
Concord Monitor	92.64
Walnut Printing	303.00
Blazing Star Grange	25.00
NH Municipal Assoc.	671.00
Merrimack County Registry	92.30
NH Assessing Officials	20.00
Thomson West	259.00
NEBS	423.03
Quill	629.44
Reliable	80.35
Christie Phelps, reimbursements	98.78
Intuit	75.00
Xerox	1,482.00
Anco Signs	83.90
Albert Epperly, reimbursements	755.90
Sylvia Hill	15.54
Twin Rivers Office Machines	99.00
Postmaster, Danbury NH	813.65
Penelope Dusio, postage	20.25
Twila Cook, reimbursements	71.46
Brigetta Whalen, Reimbursement	100.00
Local Govt. Center	35.00
TOTAL:	13,407.37

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Christie Phelps	8,780.65
Brigetta Whalen	16,037.95
TOTAL:	24,818.60

TOWN MEETING

Wallace Reprographics	1,850.00
R.P. Johnsons	4.59
TOTAL:	1,854.59

TOWN CLERK

Linda Sargent, Municipal Clerk	500.66
Lana Pettet, Deputy	774.97
Louise Huntoon	79.75
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk	13,415.92
Verizon	403.98
NHCTC Association	320.00
Reliable	69.28
Viking	107.14
Postmaster, Danbury NH	83.00
ID Source-Dog Tags	141.23
Piper Printing-Printing Forms	44.87
Dell	668.91
Sylvia Hill, Mileage & Expen Reimburse	247.86
Lana Pettet, Reimburse	24.09
Mt. Washington Hotel	330.00
BSMI	1,725.20
Stamp Fulfillment	413.29
State of NH	12.00
CPI	40.67
Twin River Office Machines	400.00
TOTAL:	19,802.82

VOTER REGISTRATION

Penelope Dusio Supervisor of Checklist	431.38
Martha Plaisted, Supervisor of Checklist	400.57
Nancy Reed, Supervisor of Checklist	422.32
Kearsarge Shopper	253.60
Penelope Dusio, Reimburse	69.98
TOTAL:	1,577.85

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Marilyn Ford, Ballot Check	228.38
Mary Quinn, Ballot Check	371.57
Lorraine Wason	378.82
Matthew Denton, Moderator	200.00
Christie Phelps, Moderator	200.00
BMSI-Computer Support	99.00
Louise Huntoon, Ballot Clerk	101.50
Lana Pettet	40.17
Joanne Phelps	36.83
TOTAL:	1,656.27

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

John Desantis, Supplies	17.42
TOTAL:	17.42

AUDITING

Linda Danforth	150.00
TOTAL:	150.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Linda Sargent, Municipal Clerk	500.48
Lana Pettey, Deputy Collector	785.30
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector	13,416.12
Verizon	551.74
Merrimack County Registry	50.00
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	820.00
Reliable	69.30
Viking	107.13
Quill	39.54
BMSI, Computer Support	1,110.00
Sylvia Hill, Reimbursement	773.17
Postmaster, Danbury, NH	64.00
Stamp Fulfillment	826.56
Gemforms	27.65
Piper Printing	45.38
Dell Marketing	668.91
Twin Rivers Office Machines	400.00
Sylvia Hill, Expenses	147.15
Change fund	100.00
TOTAL:	20,502.43

TREASURER

Penelope Dusio, Treasurer Salary	1,000.00
Penelope Dusio, Supplies&Mileage	925.98
Quill	9.87
TOTAL:	1,935.85

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kearsarge Shopper	46.05
TOTAL:	46.05

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Manatron-License Fees & Support	1,045.00
Earls, Neider, Perkins-Appraisers	4,747.50
TOTAL:	5,792.50

LEGAL EXPENSE

Upton & Hatfield, Town Council	8,667.26
Merrimack County Attorney	500.00
Thompson West-Law Book Updates	182.00
Fitzgerald, Sessler & Nichols	1,500.00
ENP	1,868.75
TOTAL:	12,718.01

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Anthem Blue Cross-Health Insurance	25,646.44
Primex-Worker's Comp/Unemployment	10,117.73
VALIC-Retirement	3,975.00
Employer SS./Med Contribution	19,822.29
TOTAL:	59,561.46

PLANNING BOARD

Charlotte McIver, Clerk	545.00
Kearsarge Shopper-Advertising	96.70
Matthew Bender	45.45
Local Gov't Center	202.00
TOTAL:	889.15

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mickey McIver, Reimbursement	50.00
TOTAL:	50.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Mr. Steam & Sons Cleaning	1,200.00
Public Service-Town Hall	3,818.19
State of NH, Boiler Inspection	50.00
Fred Fuller Oil-Town Hall	3,224.12
123 Lock & Key	348.75
Millstone Woodcraft	57.19
Laconia Electric	114.59
Rowells Sewer Service	720.00
Tri-State Fire Protection	522.86
Andy & Son's	1,059.09
R.P. Johnson's & Son	96.70
Treasurer, State of NH Water Test	85.00
Danbury Comm. Center-Reimburse	47.98
Twila Cook, Supplies	18.05
Mango Security Systems	1,589.00
Sylvia Hill, Supplies	45.90
Kathleen Colby	20.00
TOTAL:	13,017.42

CEMETERIES

John Chaffee	39.00
Andrew Phelps	1,100.76
Noel Phelps	1,246.50
Jon Blay	156.26
Julian Carr	321.00
Joshua Hatch	259.02
R.P. Johnson	97.14
Tim Martin-Hay	12.00
Loader Fuel	29.87
Phelps Construction	300.00
Rentals & Leases	262.45
TOTAL:	3,824.00

NHMA-LIABILITY INSURANCE

21,187.05

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Lakes Region Planning Commission	859.00
Lakes Reg. Mutual Fire Aid	7,605.29
Community Action Program	3,116.00
Council on Aging	800.00
New Hampshire Human Society	700.00

TOTAL:	13,080.29
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TAX MAPPING

Cartographic Associates-Map Updates	1,200.00
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TOTAL:	1,200.00
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dale Cook, Police Chief	16,593.75
Andrew Ware, Special Officer	9,154.99
Norman Daigneault, Sergeant	18,432.00
Dawn Cook-Hoy, Patrolman	5,990.00
Kelly South, Animal Control Officer	232.00
Verizon & TDS	1,677.24
Crimestar	200.00
Quill	392.97
Merrimack County Dispatch	2,750.00
LRGH Healthcare	656.99
P.O. Box Rental & Postage	89.71
Rt. 104 Auto	282.72
Fred's Auto Trends	1,984.90
Autoware, Inc.	340.51
Wilson Tire	292.72
Marilyn Ford, Admin. Assistant	6,704.50
Dale Cook, Camera-Supplies	446.32
MAS Modern, Inc.	199.88
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	60.00
Public Safety	204.76
NH Chiefs Assoc.	100.00
Matthew Bender	157.45
Viking	82.05
Mid-American	92.28
Mileage	492.52
Irving Oil Corp.	3,275.38
Center for Educ. & Emp. Law	124.95
Neptune	904.55
Melnick's	74.95
Riley's	348.00
Skip's Gun Shop	85.90
Andy Ware, Reimbursement	21.97
Dawn Cook Reimbursement	39.00
Harold's Auto Body	1,200.00

TOTAL:	73,684.96
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AMBULANCE

Town of Bristol	17,262.00
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TOTAL:	17,262.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Verizon & Unicef	825.19
Moore Medical Supplies	649.91
Public Service of NH	1,098.06
Fred Fuller Heating Oil	1,776.15
Life Plus	225.00
Fire Tech & Safety	5,956.34
EMP, Inc.	667.89
Bristol Auto Parts	26.27
Ossipee Mtn. Electronics	457.45
Vinnie's Truck Repair	2,809.09
Freightliner of NH	150.48
Wilson Tire	1,923.80
Merton Austin, reimbursement	83.80
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid	100.00
Central NH Hazmat Team	189.40
NFPA	805.08
Sharon Austin, Office Supplies	277.58
Irving Oil Corp.	602.35
R.P.Johnson's	110.73
Pufco	315.00
Jordon Lumber Company	2,174.14
Bergeron Protective Clothing	2,032.45
Randal Hinds	306.00
State of NH	831.00
Raymond LaVallee	110.00
David Rivers	150.00
DVFD, Reimbursement	70.00
Cardiac Science	180.00

TOTAL:	24,903.16
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FOREST FIRES

Lawes Agricultural	55.00
Tom Austin	36.68
Brandon Bliss	31.68
Jeremy Cornell	36.68
Donald Haynes	36.68
DVFD	111.22
R.P.Johnson's	195.38
Valley Fire Equipment	110.00
Jordan Lumber Company	963.73
Jeremy Martin	36.62

TOTAL:	1,613.67
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Alan Huntoon	30,217.10
Jeremy Martin	24,597.00
Jeffery Richardson	27,266.83
Jason Hatch, Road Agent	36,228.51
Jason Hatch, Reimbursement	3,232.72
Alan Huntoon, Gravel/Rental	484.00
Verizon	995.31
Alltex Uniform	2,963.73
Jeremy Martin, Reimbursement	159.00
Public Service of NH	1,875.10
Fred Fuller Oil	856.80
NH Road Agents	20.00
Jordan Equipment	1,721.36
Irving Oil Corp.	244.44
Johnson & Dix, Diesel	10,750.90
Lawson Products	2,147.95
E.W.Sleeper	5,729.04
R.P. Johnson's	326.20
Munce's Lubricants	1,227.64
BB Chain	1,809.95
New England Barricade Corp.	34.02
Atlantic, Inc.	696.44
HOP Sales	119.05
Freightliner of NH	6,043.00
Alan's Signs	165.00
Parkhurst	10.83
Sosmetal Products	679.42
Jack Bruning	30.00
Carroll Concrete	1,035.00
Merriam Graves	879.76
Vinnie's Truck Repair	322.85
Sanel Auto Parts	1,051.42
Donovan Spring Company	105.06
Kimpton Electric-Generator	1,973.62
S.G.Reed	998.71
Southworth Milton	1,373.17
Wilson Tire	152.00
TS Equipment	264.00
AW Direct	209.50
Mill Metals	384.10
Sabil & Sons	466.69
Camerota	250.00
Danbury General Store	6.78
Ossipee Auto Parts	330.95
Brownie's Auto Parts	175.30
All & Awl Repair	124.95
C.P. Welding & Boring	225.00
Rockwood Excavation	1,278.00
Lakes reg. Two-way	1,060.40
Owen's Leasing	3,842.00
A.R. Sandri	325.00

Carl Matthews	3,450.00
Blaktop Inc.	1,533.56
Pike Industries	34,745.20
R.D.Edmunds	2,586.59
All State Asphalt	10,001.64
Solutions	2,823.40
Phelps Construction	22,866.50
Alvin Currier	368.00
Cargill Salt	3,850.11
June Phelps, Gravel	975.00
TOTAL:	260,665.60

STREET LIGHTING

PSNH	5,187.45
TOTAL:	5,187.45

SOLID WASTE

Bert Hillsgrove	6,902.00
James Larkin	5,131.52
ATT, Verizon & TracFone	26.14
Public Service of NH	579.63
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	50.00
Bert Hillsgrove, Reim.	168.71
R.P. Johnson	36.67
Advanced Liquid Recycling	62.40
East Coast Recycling	500.85
Transport Contract-Waste Management	57,122.96
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District	1,357.97
NRRA	450.65
TOTAL:	72,389.50

HEALTH AGENCIES

Lake Sunapee Reg. Visting Nurse Assoc.	2,893.00
Newfound Area Nurses Association	750.00
TOTAL:	3,643.00

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

Public Service of NH	347.74
Town of Bristol	947.00
Fred Fuller	217.50
Andy & Sons	366.00
TOTAL:	1,878.24

PARKS & RECREATION

Danbury Community Center	2,500.00
Bristol Community Center	6,088.00
All Season's Septic	250.00
Steele Henderson	800.00
R.P. Johnsons	27.59
TOTAL:	9,665.59

LIBRARY

Janet McGonigle, Librarian	1,837.75
Linda Ford, Substitute Librarian	30.00
Alice McGonigle	58.00
Verizon	331.87
Public Service of NH	161.43
Amerigas, Heat	1,012.00
Post Office Box Rental	44.00
Books & Periodicals	1,500.00
TOTAL:	4,975.05

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Jutras Signs & Flags	739.60
Old Home Day Committee	200.00
TOTAL:	939.60

OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION

Danbury Community Center	5,000.00
Senior Citizens Program	350.00
TOTAL:	5,350.00

DEBT SERVICE

Principal Long-Term Notes	61,247.99
Interest Long-Term Notes	5,736.24
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	1,953.89
TOTAL:	68,938.12

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Fire Hall Painting	
Lavorgna Roofing & Restoration	3,000.00
Town Hall Painting	
Lavorgna Roofing & Restoration	5,750.00
Water Line Relocation	
Phelps Construction	2,544.00
Treasurer, State of NH	40.00
R.P. Johnsons	6.53
Town Hall Entrance Repair	
Milestone Woodcraft	612.97
Highway Truck Purchase	
Merriam Graves	54,964.00
E.W. Sleeper	40,000.00
Library Roof Repair	
Gerard Leone	2,750.00
TOTAL:	109,667.50

NON APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES	
Mascoma Savings Bank, Line of Credit	374,964.00
Merrimack County Treasurer	186,481.00
Newfound School District	1,145,398.00
Merrimack County Registry	380.00
COAF-Vital Statistic Fees	1,236.50
Tax Liens Bought by the Town	237,660.59
Refund of Overpayments	1,338.19
TOTAL:	1,947,458.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,825,310.85

George Gamble Library

Our thanks to Andy Phelps and Ed Lovering for always being available to us to do whatever had to be done at the Library. Also thanks to Andy Phelps for our new "Open" flag stand with the flowers, which he made for us. It adds a lot to the looks of our yard and for the new American Flag.

We have \$1,000 set aside for some painting and patching that is long past due at the Library. We are in the process now of priming the walls and hope to get the patching finished and paint the interior during 2005. The \$1,000 was taken from a Trust Fund for the Library and is currently in our checking account.

We appreciate people donating books, in like new condition, but we request that you please check with the Librarian, Janet McGonigle, before dropping them off to avoid duplications as we do not have much room.

Library hours for 2005 are from April thru October, Monday 1-5 (Eula Epperly, volunteer), Wed. 1-5 (Sybil Hibbard, volunteer), Saturday (Janet McGonigle, Librarian) 12-6 pm. From November thru March, Mon. and Wed. 1-4 and Sat. 12-4. Our volunteering extra hours in 2004 were successful in more people coming in to check out books, so drop in and make use of your Library if you haven't been doing so before now.

We were the recipients of a CLiF (Children's Literacy Foundation) grant of Children's books in 2004 which really was a boost to our good books for children, so drop in with your children and make use of our grant.

Library Trustees
Eula Epperly, Treasurer
Ann Johnson, Secretary
Sybil Hibbard

Balance on Hand, January 2004		\$2,493.66
Add:		
Town Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Checking Interest	2.76	
Books Sales, Copy Money, late fees	68.50	
Total Income		\$1,571.26
Total Available		\$4,064.92
Expense.		
Books	\$1,468.35	
Supplies	19.03	
NHLTA (3 Trustees dues)	45.00	
Total Expenses		\$1,532.38
Total on hand 12/31/2004		\$2,532.54

Library Trust Funds (CD's)	
Wallace Ford (2002) Unrestricted	Principal - \$500.00
Cash Balance 12/31/2004	\$516.00
Interest 2004	5.12

Stephen Ford Trust (1965)	Principal \$5,000.00
Restricted - Interest to be used for maintenance & support	
Cash Balance 12/31/04	\$5,808.90
Interest 2004	57.60

Harry Perkins Trust (1978)	Principal \$1,000.00
Restricted - Interest to be used for Travels books/magazines	
Cash Balance 12/31/04	\$1,368.30
Interest 2004	13.57

Our circulation figures for 2004 (with the extra hours) were as follows:

Adult Visitors:	563
Adult Books Borrowed:	791
Children Visitors:	133
Children's Books Borrowed:	238

Fire Department
Report

2004 Calls for Service

Fires	25
Alarm activations	15
Medical Aid	75
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20
Rescues	01
Mutual Aid	17
Service Calls	20
Inspections	<u>23</u>
Total:	196

Ragged Mt. calls handled by Bristol Ambulance: 17
Total calls for service 2004: 213

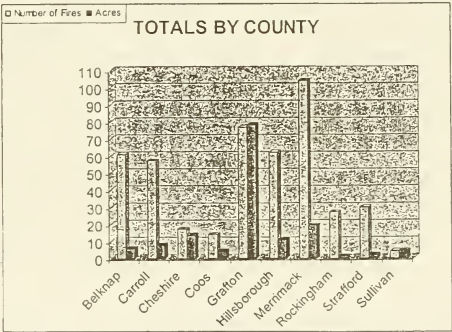
Many thanks to all the people involved in getting the fire station painted. It looks marvelous. A special thanks to Terri Towle, Linda Wilson, and Mickey and Charlotte McIver, for there guidance, and hours of assistance in writing the Assistance to Firefighters grant. Although we were not successful this year without their help we would have never been able to complete the project by the deadline. The department did have some smaller success with grant funding in 2004. We reserved \$2612.89 through Homeland security. This was used to purchase new cylinders for some of our breathing apparatus. We also received \$2000.00 through a matching grant from the State of New Hampshire Forest and Lands. These funds were used to purchase a new forestry pump and hose. The Department had to decommission the 1965 Ford tanker last year do to the costs of keeping it in service as an emergency vehicle became to great. However the highway department was able to make use of it. Hopefully it will serve our community for a few more years. At the end of December 2004, after 15 years as the Chief of Department, Merton Austin submitted his resignation to the Board of selectmen. He will remain in the position until such time as the Fire commissioners make there nomination to the selectmen and a new Chief is appointed. Along with calls for service the department also accumulated 977 hours of training in 2004, including Hazardous Materials Decon. The department will host a Firefighter Level II program beginning in April 2005. This is a 96 hour program, with modules such as Combined Fire operations, LP Gas Fires, and Rescue skills.

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS
(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15
Campfire	41
Children	12
Smoking	19
Debris	201
Railroad	1
Equipment	5
Lightning	5
Misc.*	163 (*Misc power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

Total Fires	Total Acres
2004	462
2003	374
2002	540
2001	942

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

CEMETERY REPORT

Another year has gone by and we can proudly say that at the end of our 3 year improvements plan the Eastern Cemetery wall is just about complete. Seeding the area in front of the wall is all that needs to be done. For historical purposes we would like to list the personnel that were involved; Noel and Andy Phelps, Jeremy Martin, Julian Carr and John Chaffee. Alan Huntoon with the Town's new backhoe set the caps on the piers. Joe Deshaies Trucking donated his truck to haul some of the rocks. It also should be noted that this was another job completed with the cooperation of the Highway Dept., which in reality allows the Town to get the job done a lot cheaper. Andy Phelps donated his time and equipment in this project. We would like to thank everyone who gave us rocks and materials.

With the cooperation of the State and the Highway Dept. we were able too get approximately 400 yards of loam material. We are hoping to use this to fill a lot of our sunken lots as well as start improving the back area of the Riverdale Cemetery.

This year we had 2 lime spreaders, a seeder, a hedge trimmer and a push mower given to the Cemetery Department. We also had a brand new trimmer donated (cost \$300.00). Unfortunately now due to the insurance policy we are asking for a ride-on mower. This means if you purchase one we then will have a bill for gas and upkeep.

We still appreciate all concerns and help in trying to keep our cemeteries the best we can, thus you should note the following:

We have guidelines that need to be followed before installation of any stones and/or monument.

Winter wreaths, etc. will be removed starting April 2nd.

Fall cleanup of plants, etc. will begin November 19th.

Thanks for your consideration.

Timothy Martin, Joshua Hatch and Jeremy Martin
Cemetery Trustees

Andy Phelps
Sexton

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
2003 – 2004 (FY-04)

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 20 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. The LRPC is primarily funded by local, state, and federal resources. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local and statewide issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of Danbury and the region in the past fiscal year:

- ❖ Generated land use information as requested by the planning board for a grant application.
- ❖ Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$15 million in the Lakes Region.
- ❖ Planned the 19th annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. Two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.
- ❖ Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: the Basics of Subdivision & Site Plan Review, Land Use Law Update, and New Challenges for Municipal Regulation of the Environment. We also prepared for the 2004 Law Lectures, in partnership with the NH Municipal Association.
- ❖ Completed the Lakes Region Housing Needs Assessment, an assessment of the regional need for housing for persons and families of all levels of income. It is viewable at www.lakesrpc.org, our web site.
- ❖ Ordered and distributed copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulation books at considerable savings.
- ❖ Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development. The TAC advises the LRPC on projects of regional significance.
- ❖ Continued work on the Lakes Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This planning effort will help provide a blueprint for the location of local bike and pedestrian routes.

- ❖ Conducted over 160 traffic counts around the region, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.
- ❖ Maintain an ongoing effort to update a database of key socioeconomic and human service indicators, in cooperation with the NH Community Development Finance Authority.
- ❖ Convened six area Commission meetings, two of which featured Legislative Nights where local legislators presented information on proposed legislation of regional planning, environmental, and economic interest.
- ❖ Updated the annual Development Activity in the Lakes Region, a survey of subdivision, housing, construction, industrial, and commercial development trends in the region.
- ❖ Continue to represent the region on several boards and committees related to the economic and environmental well-being of the region, e.g., the Belknap County Economic Development Council, NH Route 16 Corridor Advisory Committee, the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, etc.
- ❖ Secured funding from the NH Emergency Management Bureau to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.
- ❖ Produced a calendar of critical deadlines for March Town Meeting, and distributed it via our web site and regular mail.
- ❖ Advocated several transportation enhancement applications on behalf of the region; five were selected by the Governor's Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation having a combined total of approximately \$1.3 million.

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Robert Berti, Chairman
Joan Marshall, Vice-Chairman
Tim Kingston, Treasurer

107 Glessner Road
Bethlehem, NH 03574
(603) 444-6303

2004 Annual Report

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met seven (7) times during 2004. The District was once again active in household hazardous waste management, fluorescent light bulb recycling and paint recycling. A number of towns (7) initiated the collection of electronics for recycling as well. The District towns also continued to improve their cooperative recycling efforts with the Campton/Thornton/Ellsworth, Plymouth and Rumney facilities serving as processing facilities for a number of the smaller District towns. Working cooperatively on all of these programs allows individual District towns to save significant resources of time and money.

With assistance from North Country Council, the District held three (3) one-day collection events - Littleton and Rumney in the summer and Plymouth in the fall. These collections resulted in the proper disposal/recycling of over 4,000 gallons of material. Over 350 households participated in this program. The average amount of household hazardous waste dropped off by each participant increased from 13 gallons in 2003 to 16 gallons. The District received \$11,050 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program to help offset some of our program costs. In 2005, the District plans to hold two (2) HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Thornton) and one (1) in the fall (Plymouth).

In addition to the one-day HHW collections individual District towns continued to collect leftover/unused household paint. This material is accepted at most facilities April through September. Our selected contractor sorts the material by color and then processes it into a recycled paint product for commercial sale. Using this program the District was able to save \$140/box over last years recycling/reuse rate with our HHW contractor. Over 2,000 gallons of paint was collected.

The District recycled over 27,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs. These bulbs were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. In the spring and fall pickups were coordinated with our recycling vendor. Communities recycling electronics collected over ten (10) tons of material since May. These individual collection programs followed another successful one-day electronics recycling collection held in April at the Littleton Transfer Station where over four (4) tons of material was collected for recycling.

In October the District voted to return, in its entirety with accrued interest, individual members' unspent district appropriations from the years 1987 through 1991. This money had been serving as the District's capital reserve. Members will receive their individual shares by the dates they have specified.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Berti
PBSWD Chairman

**Newfound Area Nursing Association
214 Lake Street Bristol, NH 03222**

Mission Statement: To promote health and provide therapeutic services for individuals and families in our community. Our services and programs are individualized to maximize outcomes and enhance the quality of life in the community.

2004 Summary of Services – Total of 11,233 Visits

Skilled Nursing	3761	Occupational Therapy	443	Homemaker	594
Physical Therapy	746	Social Service Visits	208	Home Health Aide	5481

Outreach Programs:

Flu Vaccines: Despite a critical shortage of vaccine, NANA immunized more than 250 patients and residents of the towns we serve. Our thanks go to the citizens of our municipalities who understood and cooperated in letting us serve the most of our frail and elder population.

Well Child Clinics. Monthly clinics were provided for physicals, immunizations, and nutrition and health education.

Tobacco Prevention Community Activity By NANA “Make Art Not Smoke” Coalition:

- 450 youth members and 178 adult members participated in 95 local, regional and statewide prevention, cessation and second hand smoke education initiatives.
- High School and Middle School youth developed partnerships with 63 community and school based organizations and became part of the Tajaki After School Enrichment Program of the Newfound Area School District
- Conducted smoke-free worksite policy assessments of 255 regional businesses, offering employer and employee support, education and resources

Hypertension Screenings: 128 clients

Foot Care Clinics: 127 clients

School Immunizations. 9

Senior Companion Program. NANA continues to work with the Community Action Program in training volunteers to visit nine seniors throughout the community. We administer this program in identifying and matching volunteers with individuals who have asked to be part of this program.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group: NANA initiated a monthly MS support group in the summer of 2003 for individuals, families and caregivers to meet and facilitate the exchange of information and resources. This program continues to thrive and provide an interface between state and regional organizations and patients dealing with the disease process. Run by volunteers, it serves a very special group of patients in our region.

The Newfound Area Nursing Association (NANA) is proud to be able to maintain the high standards of quality home care and supportive services to our area residents that have been offered for more than 44 years. 2004 was a challenging year for NANA due to continuing changes in a Medicare and Medicaid Payment System that saw the rate that we are paid decrease over the past year. This presents challenges to us to be more efficient and effective in our service delivery programs. We continue to look for skilled, motivated, and caring staff and have lowered our turnover rate during the past year to less than 12%.

We are using new portable technology in order to allow us to spend more time face to face with our clients as well as processing our clinical and billing information more efficiently. You can help us with suggestions as we continuously look for new ideas and programs that we can bring to our neighbors in the towns we serve. Our goal is expanding to increase the volume of programs that increase the overall wellness and health of all age groups. In addition to our MS support group, this year saw the implementation of more wellness programs targeted at our youth in both the High School and Middle School.

We are look forward to continuing to serve this community and are thankful for your participation both financially and with your presence in volunteering in the many areas that help our clients and us be more effective.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger G. Nicholls, Jr., Executive Director

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

As a health service organization, a primary responsibility of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and affiliates is responding to changing community needs for home health and hospice care. We must continually "re-invent" ourselves in response to changes in regulations, provider reimbursement and best clinical practice standards so we can bring you value for your dollar as a member town of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association.

This year has been a memorable one for Lake Sunapee Region VNA in so many ways that we are referring to it as a "renaissance", a rebirth. Over the past several years we adapted to changes in Medicare reimbursement, inadequate Medicaid reimbursement, changes in clinical practice, shortages of nursing personnel, three-fold increases in insurance costs and increased technology demands. With 80% of our costs related to salaries and benefits it became essential to look for ways to reduce overhead. One way to control costs was to invest in our own building.

This spring, guided by the Board of Trustees and with a great deal of support from the greater community, we were able to purchase a building. Our new office, The Halsey Building, will meet our needs for many years and will help ensure the availability of exceptional home health and hospice services in our community. Necessary building renovations were supported by generous gifts from individuals who believe in the mission of Lake Sunapee Region VNA.

Recently, Friends of the VNA opened *The Renaissance Shoppe* in the lower level of our building at 107 Newport Road in New London. These volunteers created the shop to raise funds and to raise awareness of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Quality furniture, estate pieces, glassware, china, jewelry and more generously donated by people in our area who may be moving or downsizing will be sold with all proceeds to benefit the VNA. Donors will, of course, receive documentation for tax purposes.

Support from the town of Danbury makes a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors for whom Lake Sunapee Region VNA provides care. The number of individuals and families who are uninsured or underinsured is rising. Currently, Medicaid reimburses at about 55-60% of what it costs to provide care. There has been no adjustment in Medicaid rates since 1999. Looking to the future, we expect Medicare reimbursement to decrease as the Federal Government tries to ensure solvency of the Medicare program and a continued problem with Medicaid funding due to State budget challenges.



Your town appropriation dollars help us to provide medically necessary care to residents of Danbury. Town support also helps cover costs of things like medications and equipment for hospice patients; care for newborns and children, bereavement support for families of hospice patients for the year following the death of a loved one and bereavement

support groups for adults and for children in our local schools. We are grateful for this support because it helps bridge the gap between reimbursement and our costs. Town support and our other fund-raising efforts allow us to continue our mission to keep people healthy and independent at home for as long as that is feasible.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA also offers many services either at no charge or with some subsidy from insurance plans to residents of the town including:

- ◆ Parent Child Program
- ◆ Well Child Clinics
- ◆ Hospice Volunteer Training
- ◆ Blood pressure and other screenings
- ◆ Home Telemonitoring to prevent unplanned hospitalizations and help patients learn self care
- ◆ Administration of the Lifeline program
- ◆ Storage space and distribution for the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry
- ◆ Speaker's Bureau for local organizations and churches
- ◆ Health Fairs
- ◆ Kearsarge Community Christmas project
- ◆ Educational programs on chronic illness and advance care planning
- ◆ File of Life and emergency information for each patient admitted to service
- ◆ Caregiver Support Groups

This year more than 121 residents of Danbury used one or more of the services offered by Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Services included 294 home care visits and 61 hospice visits for adults and children, nearly 175 hours in long-term care services, and over 67 immunizations. In addition, 4 residents used our Lifeline program, 5 residents used our home telemonitoring program and 15 residents attended our support programs including parent child program, caregiver support and bereavement support.

The Board of Trustees, the staff and our volunteers join me in expressing our appreciation for your support and your confidence in the work of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. We welcome the opportunity to bring care and services to residents of the town of Danbury.

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

**Tapply-Thompson Community Center
2004 Report to the Town of Danbury**

The Staff of the Tapply-Thompson Community Center wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

2004 was a great year at the TTCC. We offered many new programs with a focus on fitness. The first was the Newfound Area Body Challenge during the spring. This fall we offered the national program "Walk this Way". This program encouraged participants to walk 10,000 steps each day. We offered circuit training for the youth in our After School program as well. Another new program with fitness in mind was our After School Cooking Class in which participants made and shared healthy snacks. We have also offered chair exercise & gentle yoga for our seniors. Our goal in 2005 is to continue to expand on fitness programs for the Newfound community.

For those of you that don't know the TTCC fundraises over \$40,000 per year. We want to thank all of the tireless volunteers who make this possible. The Baseball Program budget alone is close to \$27,000 and has 27 teams participating. Without our volunteer coaches, officials, board members and families fundraising we would not be able to provide the programs that we do. Thank you all so much!

Some of the exciting efforts we collaborated on this year include the "Friends with a Vision", The Skate Park Committee, the 21st Century Grant with the Newfound School District and an awesome Haunted Hayride with the Friends of Hill Parks & Recreation (463 people attended). The "Friends with a Vision" has received a grant of \$4,000 from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation towards a feasibility study to be done this spring. We have continued to collaborate with the Make Art Not Smoke Coalition and we are excited to announce that this will be housed at the TTCC in 2005.

We are grateful to the Newfound Area School District for their unending support of our sports programs by allowing us access to the school gyms and fields.

We have received donations towards purchasing a new stove/oven for the kitchen and hope to put in a fire suppression system as well. Other building projects completed this year were new sinks in the Nursery School bathrooms, painting of the game room, main floor bathrooms, nursery room & floor and gym walls. We have installed a new lock system throughout the building for security reasons and refinished the gym floor.

This year was the 50th Santa's Village at the TTCC. It is quite a milestone to have a program run successfully for 50 years. This event was started by "Wink" Tapply who was the first director of the Center. "Wink" was able to join us at Santa's Village this year which made it all the more special. Over 1,200 visitors came to the Village this year. The ornaments that were given to the children were handmade by Bert & Ruth Hirtle of Alexandria. Thank you to everyone that made this event so special.

We are always looking for representatives to serve on our Advisory Council. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

In closing, the TTCC wishes to thank the many Danbury volunteers that make our Newfound community such a great place to be.

Come and recreate with us in 2005. The Benefits are Endless...

UNH Cooperative Extension

One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year.

Our programs offer informal education in forest stewardship, parenting, family finances, food safety, agriculture, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps and after school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low income families, strategic planning and leadership development skills for community groups.

County extension educators work extensively with towns and school districts – organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields and landscaped areas, providing guidance to town planners and boards on current use and other land use issues. Because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, extension staff provides education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces monthly “Coffee Chat” radio segments which offer information to residents throughout the station’s listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension’s Strengthening Communities Initiatives offers community leaders, grassroots organizers and community development specialists an opportunity for professional growth.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (1-877-398-4769). Last year, the Info Line handled more than 1,000 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: www.extension.unh.edu.

Finally, UNH Cooperative Extension trains and supports a large corps of volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, parent mentors and others who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call Merrimack County Extension office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT--Danbury, New Hampshire -- CORRECT 01/01/2004-12/31/2004

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Dupree, Jesse Michael	08-Apr-04	Plymouth NH	Dupree, Terra	Dupree, Monica
Springer, Abbey Doris	07-Jun-04	Lebanon NH	Springer, Christopher	Springer, Christine
Brabant, Garrett William	04-Jul-04	Franklin NH	Brabant, Daren	Brabant, Jennifer
Hatch, Nathaniel William	04-Aug-04	Lebanon NH	Hatch, Joshua	Hatch, Jessica
Giberson, Michel Graham	08-Aug-04	Lebanon NH	Giberson, Michael	Giberson, Jamie
Gallagher, Myles Graham	31-Aug-04	Concord NH	Gallagher, Matthew	Gallagher, Sharisa
Smith, Ryan Cole	04-Nov-04	Claremont NH	Smith, Matthew	Smith, Jessica
Loyd, Madison Jae	29-Nov-04	Lebanon NH	Loyd, Ryan	Loyd, Lane
Hill, Reisse Alan	29-Nov-04	Lebanon NH	Hill, Jeremy	Hill, Heidi

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT--Danbury, New Hampshire 01/01/2004-12/31/2004

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Ford, John	11-Feb-04	Danbury NH	Ford, Roy	Stevens, Dorothy
Colby, Kathleen	07-Apr-04	Lebanon NH	Phelps, Myrl	Reed, June
Moran, Ray	14-May-04	Danbury NH	Moran, Frank	Dacey, Thelma
George, Carlton	18-Jun-04	Franklin NH	George, William	Whitaker, Grace
Esty, Edward	30-Jun-04	Franklin NH	Esty, Edward	Smith, Ella
Cole, Clayton	28-Jul-04	Danbury NH	Cole, Warren	Chellis, Irene
Bettley, Winifred	25-Dec-04	New London NH	Carter, Harrison	Kane, Della
McSorley, Mary	28-Dec-04	New London NH	Davis, Clifford	Ash, Vilona

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT--Danbury, New Hampshire 01/01/2004-12/31/2004

Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Greenlaw, Richard K	Danbury NH	Sprague, Frances A	Danbury NH	Danbury NH	Plymouth NH	08-Apr-04
Demers, Brian Kelly	Windor NH	Shepard, Abble May Flora	Sunapee NH	Danbury NH	Danbury NH	24-Apr-04
Cole, Wayne A	Danbury NH	Rice, Melissa G	Gilford NH	Tilton NH	Laconia NH	09-Jul-04
Demers, Paul L	Danbury NH	Loomer-Francisco, Linda	Wilnot NH	Wilnot NH	Andover NH	21-Jul-04
Tullar, Raymond M	Campton NH	Hakins, Jessamyn L	Danbury NH	Danbury NH	Danbury NH	07-Aug-04
Maines, Richard T	Danbury NH	Huckins, Corinne L	Danbury NH	Danbury NH	Warren NH	21-Aug-04
Cook, Joseph T	Danbury NH	Holden, Deborah M	Danbury NH	Danbury NH	Andover NH	28-Aug-04
Hoy, Walter E	Danbury NH	Cook, Dawn S	Danbury NH	Danbury NH	East Andover	02-Oct-04

What · When · Where

Selectmen's Office · 23 High Street

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E-mail: danburyselectmen@tds.net

Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 8 A.M.-4 P.M.

Wed. 1-7 P.M.

Selectmen meet at 6 P.M. each Wednesday

Town Clerk/Tax Collector · 23 High Street

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Tues. and Sat. 8 A.M.-4 P.M.

Danbury Highway Garage · 488 Route 4

Phone: (603) 768-3317

Danbury Police Department · 23 High Street

Emergencies: **911**

Nonemergency Phone: (603) 224-9110

Business Phone: (603) 768-5568

George Gamble Library · 29 NH Route 104

Hours: Sat. 1-4 P.M.

Additional Summer Hours: Wednesday, 6-8 P.M.

Phone: (603) 768-3765

Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, 6 P.M.

Planning Board Meeting

Second Tuesday, 7 P.M.

**All Elections and Meetings at Danbury Town Hall
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